

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on December 4, 2006, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1-3, 8-11, 13-20, 23, 24 and 29-33 have been cancelled. Claims 4-7, 12, 21-22, 25-28 and 34-42 are pending.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 4-7, 12, 21, 22, 25-28 and 34-42 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 10-29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,921,811.

Claims 4-7, 12, 21, 22, 25-18 and 34-40 were rejected under a non-statutory double patenting rejection, specifically U. S. Patent No. 6,342,591. A Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b)(iv) is enclosed herewith to overcome these rejections.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (505 998 6134) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4213

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